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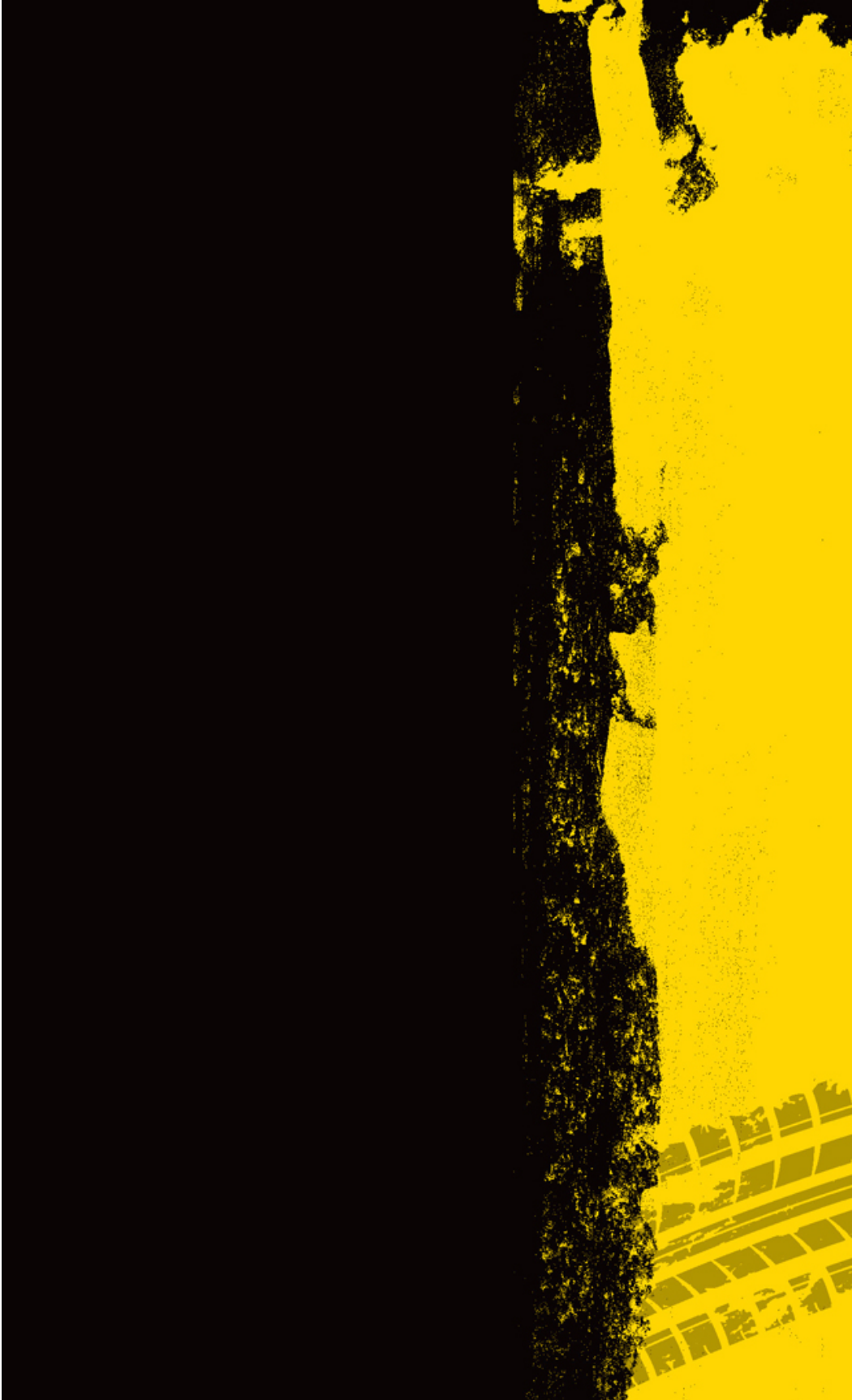


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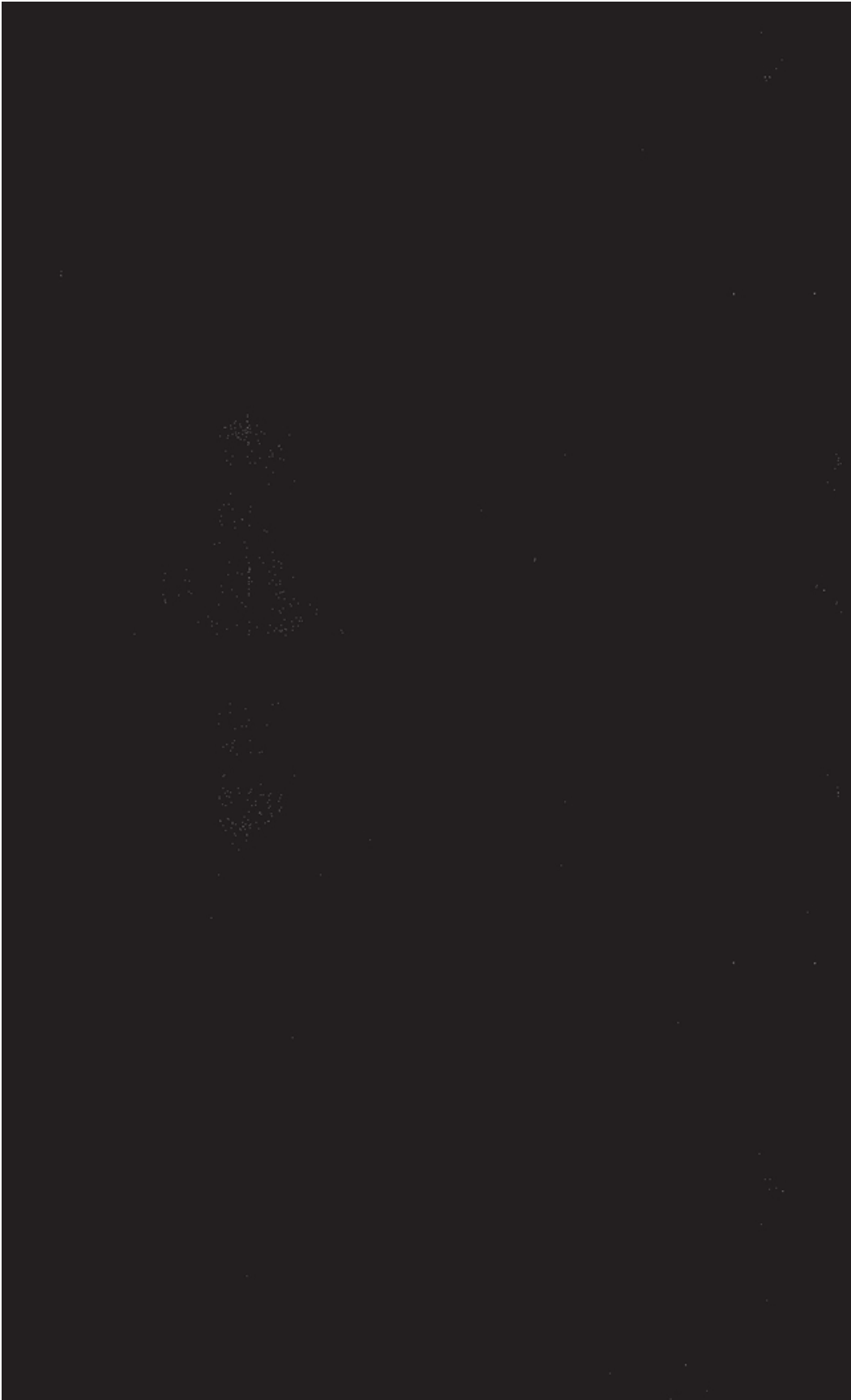


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# INTRODUCTION

Unless you're in the passenger seat of a Bugatti Veyron blasting down a German motorway at 200mph, long car journeys can get a bit boring. Once you've demolished all the food and drink on board, asked 'Are we there yet?' at least 100 times and discovered exactly how angry the driver gets if you quietly remove all the screws from the passenger seat (clue: VERY), there's not much left to do, is there?



Well now there is. The *Top Gear* Spotter's Guide will brighten up even the dulllest motorway journey as you hunt out the supercars, weird vehicles, daft road signs, and assorted motoring extras contained within these shiny pages.

## THE RULES

The rules are very simple: each of the items contained in this book will earn you points if you spot them out on the road. Some are worth just a single point, some are worth many, but they'll all count towards your score at the end of the journey. Can you set a new personal best?










## SOMETHING EXTRA

For real spotting experts, we've included a sneaky extra game. Throughout the book, you'll notice a few of the spots tagged with a symbol. These sneaky specimens activate our cunning two-player game. Here's how it works: first, convince someone else in the car to play against you (if you want to win, it's a good idea to challenge someone with either very poor eyesight or a very bad view of the road). Then get spotting – the first one to spy one of the items in this book and shout it out gets the points: there's no prize for being second! Tot up your points as you go along... but if you spot one of the items marked with this symbol  first, you can deduct that number of points from your opponent's score!

Best of luck spotting,  
and remember: you'll need  
quick eyes to score  
big points...





# EXCELLENT BRITISH STUFF

Britain might not build as many cars as Japan, Germany or the USA, but those that we do are always jolly interesting. Here are some of the finest creations from the greatest country on Earth – give them your stoutest British salute!

## CATERHAM

Ever since the company was established in the 1970s, all Caterhams have been based around the same basic platform: Lotus's old 'Seven', a no-frills, rear-wheel drive sports car. But this doesn't mean Caterhams are old and boring: the hottest versions – including the insane R500 – are among the wildest cars in the world!

## HOW TO SPOT ONE

### BUG-EYED LIGHTS

Stick out on stalks like a shocked chameleon!

### NO ROOF

Some Caterhams have a flimsy bit of cloth to protect against the rain, but most are proudly roof-free!







**ANY CATERHAM**

**10**  
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**TINY STEERING WHEEL**

There's not much space in a Caterham's cockpit, not even for a full-size wheel!



# ASTON MARTIN

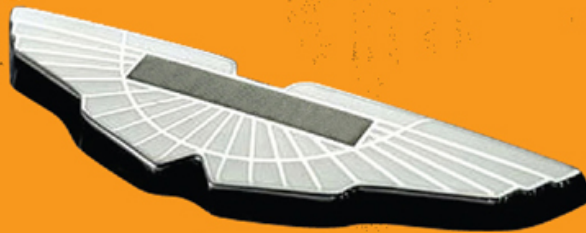


**T**hey're probably the most beautiful cars on the planet, and so cool that even James Bond drives one! Some people complain that all Astons look the same... but when they're as pretty as this, is that really a bad thing?

## HOW TO SPOT ONE

### THE BADGE

Check the boot lid for one of these!



### THE BODYWORK

If you're thinking, 'Urgh, that's a bit ugly', then you're not looking at an Aston. Everything this company makes is STUNNING.

### BIG BONNET

All Astons are front-engined, with either a V8 or V12 churning out lots of power and noise!

## A FEW YOU MIGHT SEE



### DBS

Roaring V12 supercar, as driven – and crashed – by James Bond in *Casino Royale*.





### **V8 VANTAGE**

A sleek two-seater with a brawny V8 engine, the V8 Vantage is the most popular Aston Martin on the road. Comes in coupé and convertible flavours.



### **ONE-77**

It costs over a million pounds. It has a 7.0-litre V12 engine. It'll remain one of the rarest sights on the road: just seventy-seven were built, of which just a couple remain in Britain. Pity.



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**ANY ASTON MARTIN**

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# ROLLS-ROYCE

The very best of British luxury. Since 1906, Rolls-Royce has been making cars as huge, opulent and expensive as Buckingham Palace's grandest dining rooms – though thankfully they move a bit quicker!

## SOME YOU MIGHT SEE



### DROPHEAD COUPÉ

What a convertible looks like... if you have enough money to buy Belgium.

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POINTS

**ANY ROLLS-ROYCE**







## HOW TO SPOT ONE

### HOOD ORNAMENT

The figure found on every Rolls-Royce bonnet is called 'The Spirit Of Ecstasy'.

### UPRIGHT GRILLE

Rolls-Royces are famous for their big, spangly grilles, which are tall and shiny with vertical slats.

### ENORMOUS

Rolls-Royces dwarf everything else on the road. The modern Phantom measures nearly six metres in length!



### PHANTOM

The biggest, poshest and most expensive Rolls. Costs over quarter of a million pounds, weighs nearly three tonnes!

Old, elegant, unruffled – just the sort of car that James May would own. In fact, James May DOES own this car!





# LOTUS

Back in the 1960s, Lotus founder Colin Chapman coined the company's motto: simplify, then add lightness. And Lotus is still doing it today: making super-light, super-agile sports cars that are big on entertainment but short on luxury!



## HOW TO SPOT ONE

### RACING GREEN

Britain's traditional race shade is the most popular colour for Lotuses. Also watch out for blue, yellow and orange.

### SNAKE EYES

Modern Lotuses have drawn-back headlights and gaping mouths. Not pretty, but effective.

### AGILE

Lotuses are generally a few hundred kilos lighter than their competitors, so expect to see them darting around the road like dragonflies!



